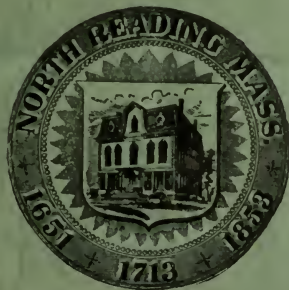


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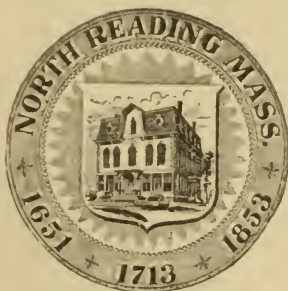
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TOWN CLERK.

ARTHUR F. UPTON.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

JOSEPH D. GOWING.

AUDITOR.

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ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

F. HOWARD MOSMAN,

FRANK W. CASE,

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. MILTON ROBINSON, Chairman.

EDWARD D. PARKER, Secretary.

LELAND D. BATCHELDER.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

JUNIUS C. KNOWLTON.

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GEORGE R. HINMAN.

FIELD DRIVER.

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POUND KEEPER.

WALLACE F. UPTON.

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INSPECTORS OF ANIMALS AND PROVISIONS.

HENRY H. DAME,

F. HOWARD MOSMAN.

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BURTON K. SYMONDS,
JOHN BACHELLER.

FOREST FIRE WARDENS.

DENNIS BATCHELDER,

FRANK W. CASE,
WILLIAM I. NICHOLS.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

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SOLON O. HOLT,

PAUL R. EAMES,

LYMAN BATCHELDER,

DANIEL D. McINTIRE,

GEORGE K. PARKER,

HENRY A. UPTON,

J. MILTON ROBINSON,

GEORGE W. HOFFMAN,

ISAAC A. FLINT.

UNDERTAKER.

HENRY H. DAME.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN.

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid for teaching High School,	\$514 00
Grammar School,	338 00
Intermediate School,	312 00
Primary School.	342 00
Superintendent of Schools,	163 74
School supplies,	359 80
Care of rooms,	191 61
Repairs on school houses,	68 76
Carrying school children,	900 00
Wood and coal,	128 54
	\$3,318 45

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Arthur F. Upton, Town Clerk,	\$15 00
Arthur F. Upton, Registrar and Election Officer,	15 00
Arthur F. Upton, recording births, marriages and deaths,	12 05
Arthur F. Upton, books, stationery, and express,	7 05
Arthur F. Upton, journeys out of town,	4 00
Edward A. Carpenter, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	125 00
Edward A. Carpenter, Registrar and Election Officer,	12 00
Amount carried forward,	\$190 10

Amount brought forward,	\$190 10
Paid Edward A. Carpenter, journeys out of town and extra services,	15 00
Edward A. Carpenter, perambulating town lines,	9 00
Joseph D. Gowing, Selectman, Asses- sor and Overseer of the Poor,	1 00
Joseph D. Gowing, Registrar and Election Officer,	12 00
Joseph D. Gowing, journeys out of town,	15 00
Joseph D. Gowing, perambulating town lines,	9 00
Martin L. Hayward, Selectman, As- sessor and Overseer of the Poor,	80 00
Martin L. Hayward, Registrar and Election Officer,	12 00
Martin L. Hayward, journeys out of town and extra services,	14 00
Martin L. Hayward, perambulating town lines,	9 00
Joseph D. Gowing, Treasurer,	38 00
Joseph D. Gowing, Collector,	62 00
Joseph D. Gowing, extra services and expenses,	15 00
Joseph D. Gowing, printing and post- age,	12 50
J. Milton Robinson, School Commit- tee,	26 00
Edward D. Parker, School Committee,	20 91
Leland D. Batchelder, School Com- mittee,	12 00
Henry H. Dame, Constable,	28 50
Edward D. Parker, Constable,	3 00
Henry H. Dame, Sealer of Weights and Measures,	2 00
Amount carried forward,	\$705 01

Amount brought forward, "	\$705 01	
Paid Henry H. Dame, Cattle Inspector,	18 60	
George H. Putnam, Auditor,	3 00	
Warren W. Cleary, Moderator,	5 00	
Warren W. Cleary, Teller,	2 00	
Henry Batchelder, Teller,	1 50	
Frank Parker, Teller,	2 00	
Edward D. Parker, Teller,	2 00	
Edward D. Parker, Truant Officer,	4 00	
F. Howard Mosman, Cattle Inspector,	55 00	
Charles E. Wheelock, Police,	5 00	
Frank S. McIntire, Police,	2 00	
Irvin C. Eaton,	2 00	
		\$807 11

STATE AID.

Paid Elizabeth C. Ball,	\$48 00	
Harriet Q. Burditt,	48 00	
George A. Bessey,	48 00	
Mary J. Dixon,	48 00	
Lucy Eaton,	36 00	
Samuel W. Holt,	72 00	
Sylvester McIntire,	54 00	
Ozro Mason,	96 00	
Sarah J. Mason,	48 00	
William S. Todd,	96 00	
Ebenezer Tarbox,	18 00	
Louisa Walsh,	16 00	
Josephine Watts,	48 00	
		\$676 00

MILITARY AID.

Paid John Grant,	\$72 00	
Wm. C. McIntire,	72 00	
Asa A. Flint,	48 00	
George Nichols,	60 00	
Wm. H. Jones,	50 00	
Frank O. Walton,	15 00	
		\$317 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

Paid Solon O. Holt, on Engine House	
account,	\$900 00
Insurance on engine house,	20 00
M. Forbes & Son, cellar for engine	
house,	80 00
Plan and specifications of engine	
house,	10 00
Lime and cement for engine house,	6 80
Grading around engine house,	7 10
Johnson pumps, shovels and sup-	
plies,	49 42
Repairs on engine,	22 21
Storage of engine,	25 00
Use of horses for engine,	10 00
Care of hall for firemen,	6 50
Pay of firemen,	62 00
	\$1,199 03

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Memorial Hall repairs,	\$6 82
Order book,	7 00
Printing reports, warrants, etc.,	61 90
Legal advice,	9 00
State, on account Nat'l Bank tax,	15 34
Flag,	30 00
Decoration appropriation,	50 00
Mowing common,	2 00
Court fees,	13 32
Insurance on almshouse,	50 00
Paint and repairs on flagstaff,	16 82
Moving hearse house,	4 00
State tax,	315 00
County tax,	497 32
Edward McKenzie, watchman,	1 50
Amount carried forward,	\$1,080 02

Amount brought forward,	\$1,080 02
Charles N. Abbott, watchman,	2 00
Town seal,	10 00
Vault account,	1 10
By-Laws account,	3 00
Office supplies,	13 74
Care of tramps,	97 50
Return of deaths,	3 25
Ringin bell,	52 00
Return of births,	3 00
Flint Library,	60 00
Care of Memorial Hall,	22 80
Flowers for vase,	2 00
Interest on town note,	400 60
Wood and coal for hall,	44 94
Over taxation,	40 32
Abatements,	67 06
	————— \$1,903 33

SUMMARY.

Orders drawn for Schools,	\$3,318 45
Town Officers,	807 11
State Aid,	676 00
Military Aid,	317 00
Highways,	1,789 28
Overseers of the Poor,	1,384 97
Fire Department,	1,199 03
Miscellaneous,	1,903 33
	————— \$11,395 17

EDWARD A. CARPENTER,	} Selectmen of North Reading.
JOSEPH D. GOWING,	
MARTIN L. HAYWARD,	

REPORT OF OVERSEERS.

INMATES OF ALMSHOUSE.

NAME.	AGE.
Emily A. Buxton,	51 years.
Elizabeth Banker,	73 years.
Sarah Banker,	46 years.
Olive Curry,	75 years.
Average number, 3 7-12. Present number, 3.	
390 tramps have been assisted.	

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Eight cows,	\$300 00
One horse,	150 00
Hay and grain,	162 00
Manure,	140 00
Fowls,	17 00
Wood and fuel,	162 00
Lumber,	25 50
Swine and calves,	22 00
Farm utensils,	481 60
Household furniture,	363 85
Provisions and produce,	289 10
	\$2,113 05
Amount of Inventory last year,	1,584 80
	\$528 25

Gain on Inventory the present year is \$528.25, being \$11.03 more than the balance against the Almshouse.

CASH RECEIVED AT ALMSHOUSE.

For Produce,	\$238 39
Wood for schools,	23 12
Wood and lumber,	13 63
Stock,	95 00
Wagon and cart,	45 00
Board and lodging,	196 38
Labor,	7 10
Milk,	626 45
Care of tramps,	97 50
Cash from Overseers,	517 22

\$1,859 79

Old bills uncollected, \$176 00

CASH PAID OUT AT ALMSHOUSE.

For Groceries,	\$194 11
Meat and fish,	101 32
Crackers,	19 96
Flour and grain,	266 94
Butter and cheese,	38 51
Stock,	115 45
Horse, wagons and harnesses,	462 75
Labor,	157 29
Manure,	43 40
Blacksmith's bill,	8 71
Ice,	10 00
Furniture,	2 15
Clothing, bedding and shoes,	22 44
Tools and seeds,	56 46
Physician's bill and medicine,	5 60
Repairs on buildings,	4 71
Keeper of Alms house,	349 99

\$1,859 79

EXPENSES OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for supplies to Charles Cross,	\$14 00
Supplies to Eliza Bird,	24 00
Supplies to Mrs. Jacob McIntire,	65 00
George A. Bessey (soldiers' relief),	100 34
Board of John Grant (soldiers' relief),	84 00
Danvers Lunatic Asylum, for board of Melvina J. Davis,	169 46
City of Lynn, for Carrie Smith,	56 50
Town of Andover, for Carrie McIntire,	54 50
Holbrook Burroughs (Newburyport account),	91 50
Ovid Dickinson (Salem account),	3 50
Burley Rhodes (Lynn account),	28 00
George E. Thompson (Lynn account),	9 05
Town of Reading for Charles Mc- Intire,	128 90
Town of Natick, for Lucy Nichols,	39 00
	\$867 75
Expenses of poor at Almshouse,	517 22
	\$1,384 97

EDWARD A. CARPENTER,	} Overseers of the Poor, North Reading.
JOSEPH D. GOWING,	
MARTIN L. HAYWARD,	

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

CENTER.

Paid F. H. Mosman and team,	\$102 35	
Drawing up paper,	1 00	
Surveying,	1 50	
Freight on drain pipe,	2 80	
Pipe,	34 55	
Hauling pipe,	2 00	
Getting stone lifter,	75	
Powder and fuse,	1 10	
Blacksmith bill,	1 90	
Gravel,	8 24	
		\$156 19
Paid Frank W. Case,		
Justin H. Orben, labor,	\$18 78	
Martin L. Orben, labor,	18 78	
		37 56
Paid Charles H. Nichols and team,	\$29 50	
Ralph E. Priugle, labor,	12 17	
George D. McKenzie,	9 67	
		51 34
Total expended on Center account,		\$245 09

F. H. MOSMAN'S ACCOUNT.

Paid F. H. Mosman and team,	\$117 36
C. W. Campbell, labor,	17 03
A. A. Upton, labor,	2 50
Joseph Wilson, labor,	65 98
Amount carried forward,	\$202 87

Amount brought forward,	\$202 87	
Paid W. McIntire, labor,	111 00	
J. Lohnus, labor,	9 16	
Frank C. Averill, labor,	8 83	
J. Walker, labor,	5 83	
L. D. Batchelder,	42 00	
Henry Batchelder, labor,	9 17	
F. Allen, labor,	6 67	
C. N. Abbott, labor,	50 87	
Cyrus Ayer, labor,	9 83	
		\$456 23

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid drain pipe,	\$19 45	
Blacksmith bill,	8 55	
Cutting and hauling tree to mill,	2 75	
Cutting bushes,	16 00	
George K. Parker, gravel,	11 20	
Mrs. T. G. Abbott, gravel,	2 08	
J. D. Gowing, gravel,	30 00	
		\$90 03

SIDEWALKS, RAILINGS AND BRIDGES.

Repairing sidewalks,	\$9 83	
Railings and fence,	7 00	
Posts from Town Farm,	3 50	
Freight on plank,	6 70	
Burnham & Davis, bridge plank,	54 40	
Repairing bridges and hauling plank,	18 00	
Paid for nails,	1 65	
J. E. Turner, labor,	2 25	
		\$103 33

PATHING SNOW.

Paid J. H. Mosman, labor,	\$6 50	
	<u> </u>	\$6 50
Center appropriation,	\$156 19	
General road work,	456 23	
Miscellaneous,	90 03	
Sidewalks, railings and bridges,	103 33	
Pathing snow,	6 50	
	<u> </u>	\$812 28

FRANK W. CASE'S ACCOUNT.

Paid Frank W. Case and team,	\$119 00	
George R. Hinmon and team,	36 00	
B. A. Emerson and team,	16 11	
Justin Orben, labor,	54 15	
Martin Orben, labor,	54 15	
Henry Orben, labor,	36 08	
Gardner McIntire, labor,	33 66	
Arthur Rogers, labor,	44 57	
Samuel Morse, labor,	1 67	
Charles Emerson, labor,	9 30	
Walter Eaton, labor, 1894,	3 50	
J. G. Walcott, road scraper,	10 00	
	<u> </u>	\$418 19

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid blacksmith bill,	\$3 80	
Warren Campbell, fencing,	2 93	
E. M. Ward, gravel,	9 60	
J. H. Howard, gravel,	1 40	
Mrs. Rebecca Holt, gravel,	2 60	
David Jeffrey, gravel,	15 90	
Walter Eaton, gravel,	1 45	
Repairing guide-board,	8 45	
	<u> </u>	\$46 13

PATHING SNOW.

Paid I. A. Flint, labor,	\$4 00	
	<u> </u>	\$4 00
Center appropriation,	\$37 56	
General road work,	418 19	
Miscellaneous,	46 13	
Pathing snow,	4 00	
	<u> </u>	\$505 88

CHARLES H. NICHOLS' ACCOUNT.

Paid Charles H. Nichols and team,	\$127 20	
Ralph E. Pringle and team,	27 27	
J. Allen Eames and team,	30 49	
Charles P. Flint, labor,	21 80	
John P. Richardson, labor,	24 83	
Robert Blair, labor,	30 52	
Kenney Blair, labor,	17 01	
George D. McKenzie, labor,	6 33	
Edward D. Parker, labor,	4 84	
Edward Abbott, labor,	87	
George Fairbrother, labor,	1 34	
Leslie E. Grafton, labor,	41 51	
	<u> </u>	\$334 01

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Dennis Batchelder, culvert stones,	\$1 00	
Dennis Batchelder, cleaning out well,	2 00	
Ralph E. Pringle, gravel,	19 05	
Ella Sanborn, gravel,	6 75	
James Flint, gravel,	1 50	
Benj. Eames estate, gravel,	50	
Mr. Hodgston, gravel,	30	
J. M. Robinson, cedar posts,	1 20	
J. B. McLane, painting guide-boards,	7 90	
J. B. McLane, blacksmith bill,	5 05	
J. E. Turner, work on guide-boards,	50	
Carpenter & French, nails,	45	
	<u> </u>	\$46 20

CUTTING BUSHES.

Paid Charles H. Nichols, labor,	\$13 20	
Albert Bessey, labor,	5 33	
Leslie E. Grafton, labor,	14 37	
John Batcheller, labor,	5 00	
Lyman Batchelder, labor,	1 67	
		\$39 57
Center appropriation,	\$51 34	
General road work,	334 01	
Miscellaneous,	46 20	
Cutting bushes,	39 57	
		\$471 12

Total amount expended,

F. H. Mosman,	\$812 28	
Frank W. Case,	505 88	
Charles H. Nichols,	471 12	
		\$1,789 28

Appropriation, highways,	\$1,200 00
Bushes,	100 00
Railing,	100 00
Center,	200 00
	\$1,600 00

Amount expended more than appropriation,

\$189 28
\$1,789 28

CREDIT.

By plank on hand,	\$19 60
By railing on hand,	1 20
Due from Town of Reading,	8 80
Due from pipe sold,	2 97
	\$32 57

F. HOWARD MOSMAN,	}	Road Commissioners.
FRANK W. CASE,		
CHARLES H. NICHOLS,		

CATTLE AND PROVISION INSPECTORS'

REPORT.

Number of animals inspected in slaughter houses :

Cows killed,	12
Cows condemned,	2
Oxen killed,	2
Calves killed,	48
Calves condemned,	1
Hogs killed,	50
Cattle condemned and ordered killed by the Cattle Commissioners,	30
Cattle inspected in barns,	353
Hogs inspected,	43

F. H. MOSMAN, }
HENRY H. DAME, } Inspectors.

LIST OF JURORS.

AS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN, Feb. 19, 1896.

George W. Hoffman,	Farmer
John K. Upton,	Farmer
Warren W. Cleary,	Law student
Solon O. Holt,	Carpenter
Charles A. Upton,	Butcher
George H. Putnam,	Clerk
Frank Parker,	Shoemaker
Paul R. Eames,	Lumber dealer
Willard P. Turner,	Farmer
I. Arthur Flint,	Farmer
Charles H. Nichols,	Farmer
Frank W. Case,	Farmer
William I. Nichols,	Painter
George R. Hinman,	Farmer

EDWARD A. CARPENTER,	} Selectmen of North Reading.
JOSEPH D. GOWING,	
MARTIN L. HAYWARD,	

TOWN CLERK'S RECORDS.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1895.

Number of births recorded,	18
males,	10
females,	8
Number of intentions of marriage,	2
Number of marriages recorded,	3
Number of deaths recorded,	13

DATE OF DEATH.	NAME OF DECEASED.	AGE.			DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Jan. 2	Edna S. Barrett	9	9	17	Meningitis
Jan. 9	Sumner Foster	65	11	12	Phthisis
Jan. 23	Clayton E. Irish	17	4	11	Pneumonia
Jan. 27	E. Bolles Buxton	70	8	20	Pneumonia
Feb. 8	Sophia B. McIntire	0	7	7	Albuminuria
Feb. 18	Warren Nichols	79	6	3	Suicide
Mar. 6	Elizabeth A. Putnam	75	3	17	Valvular dis. of heart
Apr. 4	Elmira F. Rogers	16	11	9	Pneumonia
Apr. 18	Burley W. Rhodes	17	11	13	{ Epilepsy (grand mal) Cardiac dis. (organic)
May 11	Ann C. Smith	75	8	15	Paralysis
Aug. 6	Mary Caroline Bent	56	10	10	Uræmia
Oct. 16	David G. Eaton	74	5	6	Chronic Bronchitis
Oct. 24	Julia A. Jones	86	0	24	Senile Gangrene

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed in 1895,		74
males,	63	
females,	11	
		74
Tax on 63 males, at \$2.00,		\$126 00
Tax on 11 females, at \$5.00,		55 00
		\$181 00
Deduct Clerk's fees,		14 80
		\$166 20

Paid J. O. Hayden, County Treasurer, \$166.20.

ARTHUR F. UPTON,

Town Clerk.

CEMETERIES.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF TRUSTEES.

Received from sale of lots:

John P. Irish, 1 lot,	\$5 00	
W. C. Barret, 1 lot,	5 00	
Simeon Parker, 2 lots,	45 00	
George H. Putnam, 1 lot,	20 00	
C. K. Bolton, 1 lot,	10 00	
Sale of hay,	3 00	
		\$88 00

PAID OUT.

Paid Joseph Wilson, mowing cemetery,	\$17 00	
L. D. Batchelder, labor,	3 00	
A. R. Rogers,	3 00	
F. W. Case,	3 00	
G. W. Hayward,	75	
C. H. Carleton,	3 50	
Recording deeds,	1 40	
Town Treasurer,	56 35	
		\$88 00

FRANK W. CASE.

Treasurer of Cemetery Trustees.

TRUSTEES' REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH READING:

We herewith present our third annual report.

FLINT MEMORIAL HALL BUILDING FUND OF \$3000.

This fund was a gift to the town March 6, 1893, from Mrs. Harriet N. Flint, the income of which is to be used in keeping the Flint Memorial Hall building in repair and insured. This fund is now invested as follows:

Amount on deposit in Warren Five Cents Savings	
Bank of Peabody,	\$1,000 00
Amount on deposit in Salem Savings Bank,	1,000 00
Amount on deposit in Andover Savings Bank,	1,000 00
	\$3,000 00

STATEMENT OF INCOME.

Amount available at last report,	\$188 80
Interest on the fund, one year,	134 21
Dec. 20, 1895, total income available,	\$323 01

PARK STREET CEMETERY FUND OF \$300.

This fund was the gift to the town March 6, 1893, from Mrs. Harriet N. Flint, the income of which is to be used in keeping

in repair the burial lot where repose the remains of her husband, and the remainder of the income to be used in improving Park Street Cemetery.

Amount on deposit in Salem Five Cents Savings Bank, \$300 00

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

Amount available at last report,	\$18 54	
Interest on the fund to Feb., 1896,	12 84	
		\$31 38
Paid Willis Estey, for care of lot,		1 50
Feb. 8, 1896, income available,		\$29 88

ARTHUR F. UPTON,	} Trustees.
ARTHUR F. GOWING,	
HENRY A. UPTON,	

ASSESSORS' RETURNS.

Number of Residents assessed on property,	234
Non-Residents assessed on property,	92
Persons assessed for poll tax only,	84
Polls assessed,	250
Tax on Polls,	\$2 00
Rate of tax per \$1,000,	\$16 80

Value of personal property,	\$63,623	
Value of buildings,	247,170	
Value of land,	224,103	
	————	\$534,896

State tax,	\$315 00	
County tax,	497 32	
Town tax,	8,673 93	
	————	\$9,486 25

Number of dwelling houses,	213
Acres of land,	7,736
Horses,	186
Cows,	307
Swine,	40
Fowls,	5,828

EDWARD A. CARPENTER, JOSEPH D. GOWING, MARTIN L. HAYWARD,	}	Assessors of North Reading.
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance from last year,	\$896 83
Taxes collected for 1892,	200 00
Taxes collected for 1893,	500 00
Taxes collected for 1894,	2,500 00
Taxes collected for 1895,	5,986 25
From State and Military Aid,	903 50
Corporation Tax,	42 04
National Bank Tax,	69 45
Massachusetts School Fund,	335 35
Superintendent Fund,	125 00
City of Newburyport, Overseers' acct.,	87 50
West Ward Schoolhouse,	5 00
Hearse,	12 00
Brick,	1 50
Cemetery Trustees,	56 35
Interest,	43 61
Court Fees,	10 34
Rent of Memorial Hall,	68 92
Rent of F. M. H. rooms,	69 00
Rent of Ante-room,	10 00
Dog Fund,	157 89
Fruit Peddler and Licenses,	5 00
Insurance Dividend,	25 00
Town of Reading, Bridge acct.,	8 80
Order Overdrawn,	50
Hired Money,	3,000 00
	—————\$15,119 83

Paid out on Selectmen's Orders,	\$11,395 17
Paid out on Town Notes,	3,000 00
Balance on hand,	724 66
	————— \$15,119 83

ASSETS.

Cash on hand,	\$724 66
Uncollected for 1893,	200 00
Uncollected for 1894,	800 00
Uncollected for 1895,	3,500 00
Highway Fund of Harriet N. Flint,	525 00
Bills and secured note (Dr. Davis),	212 16
	————— \$5,961 82

Due on Town Notes, \$7,000.00.

JOSEPH D. GOWING,

Treasurer and Collector.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find that from Feb. 20, 1895, to Feb. 17, 1896, they have drawn 286 orders on the Treasurer, representing \$11,395.17. Have examined the receipts and vouchers for these payments, and find them correct. I find the Treasurer and Collector's report to be correct, and that he has on deposit at First National Bank of Reading, \$1,249.66. Have examined the account of the Treasurer of Flint Library, also the account of the Treasurer of the Memorial Day appropriation, and find them correct. I also certify that the Trustees of Flint Memorial Hall building fund, and Park Street Cemetery fund, have securities of deposit as rendered by their report.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. PUTNAM.

Auditor.

North Reading, Feb. 17, 1896.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH
READING.

GENTLEMEN:—My fifth annual report is respectfully submitted.

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Town appropriation for 1895,	\$300 00
Amount expended,	236 60
Balance unexpended,	\$63 40

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOL.	Number of Pupils at present.	Whole number of Pupils enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Daily Attendance.	Per cent. of Daily Attendance.	Number of Pupils under 5 years.	Number of Pupils between 8 and 14 years.	Number of Pupils over 15 years.	Number of Tardinesses.	Number of Visitors.
PRIMARY,	50	74	49.8	45.7	91.8	1	24	0	76	22
INTERMEDIATE,	46	46	40.8	37.6	92.8	0	46	0	52	22
GRAMMAR,	27	31	30.	27.	90.6	0	29	0	43	6
HIGH,	23	21	21.	21.	93.	0	10	2	125	27
Total,	146	172	141.6	131.3	92.	1	109	2	296	77

LIST OF TEACHERS.

PRIMARY, Bessie F. Dodge.

INTERMEDIATE, Mattie Howes, Fidelle G. Woodecock.

GRAMMAR, Edith F. Holt.

HIGH, J. C. Woodman, Clara B. Holden.

REPORTS.

At present it seems necessary to require certain reports from teachers in regard to pupils' work in order to secure the best results. The "Report of School Work" has been thoroughly discussed in my former reports. It shows the quantity of work done in a specified time and helps to transfer the school work from one teacher to another with considerable less friction than could otherwise be done. Another report is required in order to keep the parent informed of the quality of the child's work. In the lower schools the following form is used for this purpose and is sent to parents whenever, in the judgment of the teacher, it seems advisable.

.....School,

.....189

M.....

I beg to inform you that.....
is not doing thoroughly the work of the school. Unless there
shall be a decided improvement soon, it will be necessary for
.....to take the work of the next lower grade.

I shall be pleased to have a personal interview with you,
if you will call here at the school room or at my place of
residence.

Respectfully,

.....Teacher.

In the High School the following forms are used. The first is sent to parents whenever occasion requires, while the second is sent at the close of each term.

..... School,

.....189

M.....

I beg to inform you that.....
is not doing thoroughly the work of the school. Thus far this
.....neither the written examination nor daily work
indicate that it will be best for..... to advance with.....
class next year, but that it may be necessary to repeat the
present year's work.

I shall be pleased to have a personal interview with you
concerning.....work, if you will call here at the school
room or at my place of residence.

Respectfully,

.....Principal.

Report of work of.....

in..... High School,

for term ending.....

Time lost.....	Botany.....
Department	English { Composition and Literature.
Arithmetic	Geography
Algebra	History
Geometry	Civil Government.....
Trigonometry.....	Book-keeping.....
Physics	French.....
Chemistry	Latin
Geology	
Astronomy	

..... Principal.

Note *a*. E excellent, G good, F fair, I impassable.

Note *b*. Parents are earnestly requested to visit the schools, observe the methods of instruction, examine the pupil's work, and become acquainted with the instructors of their children.

VISITATION.

STATISTICS.

	High.	Grammar.	Inter- mediate.	Primary.
No. different families represented by pupils,	23	25	39	39
No. of different visitors,	19	6	16	18
No. of visitors, parents,	1	0	3	4
No. of visitors, not parents but residents of town,	11	5	11	12
No. of visitors, non resident,	7	1	2	2

One of the best ways for parents and patrons to familiarize themselves with the condition of our schools and to manifest their interest in them is by visitation. The above statistics, while they are simply for the spring and fall terms, fairly represent to what extent visitation has been practiced the past year. On examination it will be observed that the number of visitors who are parents and who hence ought to have the most direct interest in the schools, falls below the number of visitors who are not parents, while in the high and grammar schools the number of visitors who are parents does not exceed the number of visitors from out of town. Also, it will be observed that the number of families represented by the children in our schools would seem to call for a very much larger number of visitors who are parents.

The excuse so often heard of late, that the services of a superintendent are now employed, who is supposed to be acquainted with school work in general and in detail, and who hence is best qualified to visit the schools and criticise the work, does not seem to me a valid one. If the only object of the visitant was to investigate, to criticise, to suggest, to construct, etc., there might be some ground for this plea, but such is not the case. Parents possess knowledge of their children which teachers ought to have and which cannot be otherwise than helpful to them. Teachers need to feel, also, that others than school officers are interested in their work and should receive that sympathy, encouragement, and inspiration which come from an occasional visit from others than those whose visits are more or less professional in their nature. The child too, should see that the community is interested in his school life and that his work is being followed with the greatest watchfulness. Moreover, while teachers hold the intimate relations to the different families, which they now hold, they will be the occasion of much criticism and discussion. How reasonable the criticism will be and how elevating the tone of discussion, visitation will have much to do in determining. Perhaps too much has been said already in regard to this matter. However, it is clear that there still remains ample opportunity for improvement in this direction, and I am confident that only a moderate use of the will power is needed to

insure a much more general expression of that interest this coming year, which has existed in the past but which has been dormant.

MUSIC.

In my third annual report, I referred to the introduction of the study of music into our schools, and suggested that a special teacher be employed to plan and direct the work. I still believe that such a step would be in the line of progress and would not be so expensive as to make it impracticable. The services of a teacher, especially trained for this work, can be secured one day each week at a cost not exceeding five dollars, making the total cost of instruction for the year a sum not exceeding one hundred eighty dollars. Later, when this subject has become more familiar in our schools and a foundation has been laid for subsequent work, the services of a special teacher once in two weeks might be sufficient. The cost of charts and music books could be met without overrunning the appropriation of three hundred dollars, which is now allowed for school books and supplies.

WRITING.

Our aim has been to have pupils acquire the ability to write legibly and with a fair degree of rapidity. While a comparison of present with former work shows that some progress has been made toward realizing this aim, still the writing in our schools is far from satisfactory. However, this subject has been given a more dignified place on the program than formerly, both in respect to quantity of time and the regularity of the recitation; the instruction is more efficient; teachers are coming to understand the necessity of insisting that pupils shall perform all their work in writing in connection with their other studies, with the greatest care, if the principles taught in the special writing lesson are to be enforced and emphasized and not entirely counteracted. Moreover, a new course of study, showing the nature and direction of the work from grade to grade and also giving specific

instructions in regard to conducting the special writing lesson, has been prepared and furnished to the teachers. These changes, together with the discontinuance of slates, and the use of paper in their place, cannot result otherwise than in good. Still, the scarcity of time, and the haste and carelessness which are the outcome of the same, as well as the unsuitable desks and seats in some of our schools, will, while they remain, be grievous hindrances to the teacher in her attempts to obtain ideal work.

ENGLISH.

During the past year, the course of study in English has been revised and the essentials made more intelligible to teachers.

In the first six years the time allotted to the study is spent in instructing pupils concerning the mechanical difficulties to be overcome, such as the use of capitals, punctuation, the use of correct forms, etc., and in much practice in oral and written expression, taking the form of letters, advertisements, notes, invitations, bills, narratives, descriptions, etc. In the seventh and eighth years, the practice in oral and written expression is continued, and the study of technical grammar is pursued. During the high school course the work in English consists of the reading of standard literature and of composition and essay writing. The underlying thought of all the work is, "much practice in thought getting, and thought expression." This pupils must have, if they are ever to acquire the ability to express thoughts accurately and fluently.

INDIVIDUALITY.

In regard to the work required of pupils in our schools, a few words seem to me pertinent. There is a minimum amount of work required, but at the same time an opportunity is given to all pupils to do additional work along the lines congenial to them. For instance, in literature there is the reading of the selections from a given author in the class and some other reading on which pupils are required to report. This all pupils must have. For the more ambitious, and for those whose tastes are in this direction, certain books are recommended and our teachers see that those books are made accessible for pupils desiring them.

Again, in geometry, every pupil is not required or expected to do just the same number of propositions or problems. All are required to do some, and every pupil is given the opportunity and is encouraged to do more than the work assigned. What is true of the above two studies in the high school is true of all the others, and the same principle is applied in the lower schools. In fact, this is one of the essential things which have to be kept in mind today, that all children must be regarded in respect to their individual inclination and power.

HIGH SCHOOL.

A few desirable changes have been made in the course of study for this school the past year. The study of English has been extended throughout the three years, and while heretofore the work in this branch has consisted chiefly in reading masterpieces of literature, a due proportion of time has been given to the study of English composition. The ability to speak and write the English language well is a decidedly useful accomplishment, and while due attention should be given to other subjects of study, I believe the subject of English should be considered secondary to none, and if it is necessary in the future to have more time in order to secure more desirable results, this time should be taken from that given to some of the other subjects. It has been our plan to have pupils of the first and second years in the high school form one class in English. This allows more time for teacher and pupils, and does not necessitate a repetition of the work by pupils of the first year, owing to the great variety of material accessible both for reading and for composition work. When pupils of the second and third years are more equal in their attainments and tastes, the combination is made with these classes instead of those mentioned above. While history has been taken one year as formerly, the work has been confined to the study of the English people and not to the study of all nations. I would suggest that history be taken the second and third years hereafter and that the work be confined to the study of the Hebrew, Greek, Roman and English nations. These nations are selected because they stand for representative

ideas and teach great lessons. The advantage of thus limiting the field of study and of extending the work over a longer period of time is that a better opportunity is given to pupils to read, investigate, think and assimilate, as well as to express what they have acquired. Moreover, this kind of work is what is needed to develop the whole pupil and to prevent him from becoming a mere mechanical memorizer.

That all pupils may have the opportunity to become acquainted with the elements of physics and chemistry and that the course of study may not be overcrowded, my plan is to have the pupils of the second and third years take these subjects together. For instance, this year chemistry has been taken by pupils of the second year. Next year physics will be taken instead of chemistry, and an opportunity will be given to the pupils who have taken chemistry and who will then be in the third year's work, to take physics with the pupils of the second year. The following year chemistry will be taken again in the second year, and third-year pupils, who have taken physics, will take chemistry with pupils of second year, and so on.

While conditions are liable to come which will make changes necessary, I believe it will be well, with the exception of the introduction of the study in the second year, to follow the present course of study the coming year.

In closing, I desire to testify to the earnest work of our teachers and to extend my thanks to the committee, teachers, parents and citizens for their continued support and co-operation.

JUNIUS C. KNOWLTON,

Superintendent.

ROLL OF HONOR.

ONE TERM.

PRIMARY—Grace I. Gowing, Minnie H. Upton, Albert Allen Clark, Esther D. Eames, Roy H. Hoffman, Harold F. Mason, Clarence G. Power, Hattie E. Gates, Lulu J. Reid, Isabel M. Rogers, Harry E. Gates, Lilla B. Geddes, Bertie P. Thompson, Doris B. Campbell, Edith M. Livingston.

INTERMEDIATE—Clarence French, Arthur Livingston, John Cooney, Beatrice Coron, Grover Eaton, Irene Gates, Lester Hayward, Lila Irish.

GRAMMAR—Mildred Hayward, Fred Livingston, Alice McKay, Edith Mobbs, Bertha Pringle, Frank Taylor, West Cleary, Jessie Rhodes, Baron Jenkins, Arthur McKay.

HIGH—Albert E. Bessey, Anna T. Monroe, Cornelia Eames, Ethel Fairbanks, Alice N. Gowing, Addie N. Gowing.

TWO TERMS.

PRIMARY—Ethel B. Turner, Florence A. Turner, Elizabeth A. Batchelder, Elinor S. Campbell.

INTERMEDIATE—Mollie F. Ryer.

GRAMMAR—Grace Holt, Nellie Upton, Bertha Walker, Whitfield Putnam, Ralph Putnam, Guy Abbott.

HIGH—Florence A. Batchelder, Samuel B. Eames, Dolly G. Eames, Mildred Hayward.

THREE TERMS.

INTERMEDIATE—Ralph Hayward.

GRAMMAR—Annie Carpenter, Lucy Eaton.

HIGH—Elmer Abbott, Gertrude M. Foss, Henry Eaton.

Approved and adopted.

J. M. ROBINSON,	} School Committee of North Reading.
EDWARD D. PARKER,	
LELAND D. BATCHELDER.	

TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT.

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWN OF NORTH READING:

DEAR SIR:—I have been called upon to make several visits in relation to truants during the year. Have in every case found the parents desirous that their children should attend school. The laws relating to the employment of minors have been properly observed by the manufacturers of our town.

Respectfully yours,

E. D. PARKER.

Truant Officer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF FLINT LIBRARY.

It is now nearly twenty-four years since the Library was opened. A generation has passed and many of our early patrons are not with us, but we are glad to know that the interest that at first greeted the Library has been well sustained to the present time. The circulation has been large and remarkably uniform. Many valuable books have been received from our benefactress, Mrs. Flint. She has given seven this year. We would also acknowledge the gift of four books from Mr. Charles S. Bolton of Brookline, and three books from Mr. George F. Snow of Tewkesbury. We have also received two from the Grand Army and Navy, and nineteen from the State. The donors have our thanks. In the purchase of books the public has been asked to indicate its choice by leaving lists of those wanted with the Librarian.

There has been from the first but little change in management; two of the Trustees being the same as appointed by Mrs. Flint, and one of them has purchased all the books from the first.

In our own State, which is pre-eminently above all others in regard to free Libraries, it is not yet fifty years since the first one was established; there are now but twenty-four towns without one.

We have never asked the town to do more than pay the running expenses; we hope they will do that the present year.

JOSEPH D. GOWING,	} Trustees.
DENNIS BATCHELDER,	
GEORGE K. PARKER,	
GEORGE B. PARKER,	
J. MILTON ROBINSON,	
EDWARD A. CARPENTER,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Feb. 20, 1895,	\$32 43
Interest on Flint Memorial Fund,	165 00
Received from Dog Fund,	60 00
	\$257 43

PAYMENTS.

W. B. Clark & Co., for books,	\$125 00
Thomas Groom & Co., librarian's book,	6 00
Librarian,	52 00
Care of library room,	8 00
Repairing books,	8 32
John S. Coney, for books,	3 00
Wood and sawing,	5 25
Expressage,	2 45
	\$210 02

Balance, \$47 41

GEORGE B. PARKER,

Treasurer of Flint Library.

FLINT LIBRARY, Feb. 17, 1896.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Number of volumes in Library,	4,009
Number of volumes circulated,	7,018
Number of volumes purchased,	114
Number of volumes replaced,	9
Number of volumes presented,	35
Mrs. Harriet N. Flint of Wakefield,	7 vols.
Mr. Charles K. Bolton, Brookline,	4 vols.
Mr. George F. Snow, Tewksbury,	3 vols.
Grand Army and Navy,	2 vols.
State of Massachusetts,	19 vols.
Fines collected,	\$11 88
Miscellaneous expenses,	\$11 15

SARAH H. WHITCOMB,
Librarian.

FLINT LIBRARY, Feb. 17, 1896.

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of North Reading, in the County of
Middlesex, Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of North Reading, qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs, to meet in Flint Memorial Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the second day of March next, at eight o'clock A. M., then and there to act on the following Articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear reports of Selectmen, Assessors, Road Commissioners, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector, School Committee, Trustees of Flint Library, Trustees of Cemeteries, Trustees of Trust Funds, and Committees, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To vote on the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors?" "Yes" or "No."

ART. 5. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for Schools, School Incidentals, School Superintendent, Ordinary Expenses, Highways, Bridges, Cemeteries, Town Debt, Transporting Scholars to and from Schools.

ART. 6. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will vote to sell their School Houses not in use, or what they will do in regard to the same.

ART. 8. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the money received from the Dog Fund.

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ART. 9. To see what method the Town will adopt for the collection of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will authorize their Treasurer to hire money to meet the demands of the Town, under the direction of the Selectmen.

ART. 11. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to buy a Road-Scraper, or what they will do in regard to the same.

ART. 12. To see if the Town will vote to choose a Committee to expend the money raised last year, to dig wells for the Fire Department.

ART. 13. To see if the Town will rescind the vote whereby they voted to adopt Chapter 331 of Acts of 1888 in regard to the catching of Pickerel.

ART. 14. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for grading around the Engine House, or what they will do about it.

ART. 15. To see what action the Town will take in regard to moving the Hearse House.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will vote to build Sidewalks where needed, providing the abutters shall pay one-half the cost of the same.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to build a Sidewalk on Haverhill street, from Park street to the top of Campbell's hill.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to extend the Sidewalk on Park street to the Town farm line, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose.

ART. 19. To hear report of Road Commissioners on Guide Boards, and act thereon.

ART. 20. To see what instructions the Town will give their School Committee in regard to hiring a Teacher of Music for the Schools.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will accept a new set of By-Laws relating to Truancy, and act thereon.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will vote to keep the West Ward School House for the use of that district, or what they will do in regard to the same.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will appoint a Committee to draw up a set of By-Laws to be submitted at a later meeting of the Town for their approval, and adoption if they so approve.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will appropriate money to buy six or more Street Lamps to be placed where most needed, or what they will do about it.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will vote to hire some party or parties to take care of Street Lamps.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will vote to sell a certain parcel of land, next to land of James E. Turner, to said James E. Turner, or what they will do in relation to the same.

ART. 27. To see what action the Town will take in regard to repairing the road near the house of Milton Robinson, and how much money they will raise and appropriate for that purpose.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise money to remove the stone posts from the Common, or what they will do in relation to the same.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will vote to expend any or all of the Flint Highway Fund.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will choose a Committee to make arrangements for a celebration on July Fourth, or what will do
o th ame.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same at the usual places in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, A. D. eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

EDWARD A. CARPENTER,	} Selectmen of North Reading.
JOSEPH D. GOWING,	
MARTIN L. HAYWARD,	

Polls Open at Nine O'clock, A. M.

CORRECTION.

On page six, fourth item, of \$1.00, should read \$120.00.



